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Amendment to the Claims:

Claims 1-2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Canceled and rewritten as Claim 14)

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The carrier as set forth in Claim 3 14 wherein:

said actuator includes a cylindrical portion rotably mounted in said body and a handle attached to an end of said cylindrical portion and extending transversely therefrom, said cylindrical portion having an outer surface, a cylindrical eccentric cavity and a slot between said outer surface and said eccentric cavity that extends around a portion of said cylindrical portion, and

said link member includes a spaced cylindrical second end attached transversely to said intermediate portion opposite said first end, with said intermediate portion extending through said first base, said body and said slot, and said second end being rotably mounted in said eccentric cavity,

whereby rotating said handle moves said link member and said link member moves said second base toward said first base and thereby pulls said second interlocking portion into interlocking engagement with said first interlocking portion.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The carrier as set forth in Claim ~~3~~ 14 wherein said first interlocking portion includes an outwardly projecting pair of fingers separated by a notch, and said second interlocking portion includes a transversely projecting tab sized to fit into said notch and a peg that extends laterally through said tab and laterally in both directions therefrom, said peg being spaced from said second intermediate section such that said fingers fit therebetween.

Claim 6 (Currently amended): The carrier as set forth in Claim ~~3~~ 14 wherein said body is configured to carry a skateboard.

Claim 7 (Original): The carrier as set forth in Claim 6 wherein:

said body is generally J shaped, having a long leg and a spaced short leg

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connected to said long leg by a curved section to form a groove sized and shaped to receive said skateboard, said long leg having an outer surface and
said first base mounts on said outer surface of said long leg.

Claim 8 (Original): The carrier as set forth in Claim 7 including and elastic cord,
wherein said long leg has a top end configured to fixedly hold an end of said elastic cord,
said elastic cord has a knob opposite said top end of said long leg, and
said short leg has an outwardly and downwardly curved top end and an open slot that splits said top end,
whereby said elastic cord is wrapped over said skateboard and through said slot with said knob hooking into said top end of said short leg to secure said skateboard in said groove.

Claim 9 (Currently amended) : An article carrier for attachment around a tube comprising:

a body configured to carry an article,
a first clamp member rotably mounted on said body and including means for fixing said first clamp member in place relative to said body, said first clamp member having a first base mounted on said body, a first tip opposite said first base, and a first intermediate section between said first base and said first tip, said first intermediate section being sized and shaped to wrap partially around said tube, said first tip having an outwardly projecting pair of fingers separated by a notch,

a second clamp member opposite said first clamp member having a second base, a second tip opposite said second base, and a second intermediate section between said second base and said second tip, said intermediate second section being sized and shaped to wrap partially around said tube opposite and said first intermediate section, said second base ~~having a~~ having an inner end, an outwardly opening semi-spherical cavity, and an elongated link member aperture extending between said semi-spherical cavity and said inner end, said second tip having a transversely projecting tab sized to fit into said notch and a peg that extends laterally through said tab and laterally in both directions therefrom, said peg being spaced from said second intermediate section such that said fingers fit therebetween,

a link member having an elongated intermediate portion, a spherical first end attached to said intermediate portion and a cylindrical second end attached transversely to said intermediate portion opposite said first end, said first end being mounted in said semi-spherical cavity of said second base with said intermediate portion extending through said link member aperture of said second base, and said intermediate portion extending through said first base and into said body, and

an actuator having a cylindrical portion rotably mounted in said body adjacent to said first clamp member, and a handle attached to an end of said cylindrical portion and extending transversely therefrom, said cylindrical portion having an outer surface, a cylindrical eccentric cavity and a slot between said outer surface and said eccentric cavity that extends around a portion of said cylindrical portion, said intermediate portion of said link member extending through said slot with said second end of said link member being rotably mounted in said eccentric cavity,

whereby rotating said handle moves said eccentric cavity away from said first clamp member which moves said link member which moves said second base towards said first base and thereby moves said peg into interlocking engagement with said fingers to clamp said first and second clamp members around said tube.

Claim 10 (Canceled)

Claim 11 (canceled and rewritten as Claim 15)

Claim 12 (Currently amended): The clamp as set forth in Claim ~~11~~ 15 wherein:

said actuator includes a cylindrical portion rotably mounted adjacent to said first base and a handle attached to an end of said cylindrical portion and extending transversely therefrom, said cylindrical portion having an outer surface, a cylindrical eccentric cavity and a slot between said outer surface and said eccentric cavity that extends around a portion of said cylindrical portion, and

said link member includes a spaced cylindrical second end attached transversely to said intermediate portion opposite said first end, with said intermediate portion extending through said first base and said slot, and said second end being rotably mounted in said eccentric cavity, and

whereby rotating said handle moves said link member and said link member moves said second base toward said first base and thereby moves said second interlocking portion into interlocking engagement with said first interlocking portion.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): The clamp as set forth in Claim ~~10~~ 15 wherein said first interlocking portion includes an outwardly projecting pair of fingers separated by a notch, and said second interlocking portion includes a transversely projecting tab sized to fit into said notch and a peg that extends laterally through said tab and laterally in both directions therefrom, said peg being spaced from said second intermediate section such that said fingers fit therebetween.

Claim 14 (New): An article carrier for attachment around a tube comprising:

- a body configured to carry an article,
- a clamp rotably attached to said body and including means for fixing said clamp in place relative to said body, said clamp including
 - a first clamp member having a first base mounted on said body, a first tip opposite said first base, and a first intermediate section between said first base and said first tip, said first intermediate section being sized and shaped to wrap partially around said tube, said first tip having a first interlocking portion,
 - a second clamp member opposite said first clamp member having a second base, a second tip opposite said second base, and a second intermediate section between said second base and said second tip, said second intermediate section being sized and shaped to wrap partially around said tube opposite said first intermediate section, said second tip having a second interlocking portion sized and shaped to interlock with said first interlocking portion,
 - a link member connected to said second base and extending through said first base,
 - an actuator, connected to said link member, that moves said link member when actuated, whereby said link member moves said second base toward said first base and thereby moves said second interlocking portion into interlocking engagement with said first interlocking portion to clamp said first and second clamp members around said tube, and when actuated in the opposite direction releases said second interlocking portion from engagement with said first interlocking portion,
 - said second base having an inner end, and outwardly opening semi-spherical

cavity, and an elongated link member aperture extending between said semi-spherical cavity and said inner end,

said link member including an elongated intermediate portion and a spherical first end attached to said intermediate portion, said first end being mounted in said semi-spherical cavity and said intermediate portion extending through said link member aperture of said base of said second clamp member,

whereby said second clamp member can rotate toward and away from said first clamp member when said first and second interlocking portions are disengaged.

Claim 15 (new): A clamp for attachment to a tube comprising:

a first clamp member having a first base, a first tip opposite said first base, and a first intermediate section between said first base and said first tip, said first intermediate section being sized and shaped to wrap partially around said tube, said first tip having a first interlocking portion,

a second clamp member opposite said first clamp member having a second base, a second tip opposite said second base and said second tip, said second intermediate section being sized and shaped to wrap partially around said tube opposite said first intermediate section, said second tip having a second interlocking portion sized and shaped to interlock with said first interlocking portion,

a link member connected to said second base and extending through said first base, and

an actuator, connected to said link member, that moves said link member when actuated, whereby said link member moves said second base toward said first base and thereby moves said second interlocking portion into interlocking engagement with first interlocking portion to lock said first and second clamp members around said tube,

said second base having an inner end, an outwardly opening semi-spherical cavity, and an elongated link member aperture extending between said semi-spherical cavity and said inner end,

said link member including an elongated intermediate portion and spherical first end attached to said intermediate portion, said first end being mounted in said semi-spherical cavity and said intermediate portion extending through said link member aperture of said second base,

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whereby said second clamp member can rotate toward and away from said first clamp member when said first and second interlocking portions are disengaged.